

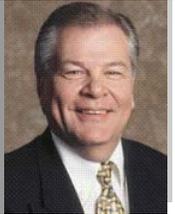


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FROM THE MAYOR: THE STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

As we close 2007 I would like to take a minute and reflect on your city's spirit. It was a year of unselfishness and dedication by the employees of Tooele City. Through their wonderful spirit of giving, the employees started some innovative and fun, fundraising programs. The goal was to help as many of our good citizens and our fellow employees that needed help during the holidays that they could. They were able through their unselfish efforts to help eleven families, hopefully making the season a little brighter. The money donated by the employees was their money, not city funds. I applaud them for their work and their desire to help those in need. This new attitude of a willingness to serve others is a great example of how the city council, the employees and I feel about our day-to-day service to each of you. Today we are providing a higher level of professional quality public service than ever before. Your city is better today than ever before. The employees take pride in their public service. As citizens you deserve nothing less.

I believe we have done an excellent job of growth management. Development is carefully guided through our development procedures. We are careful to insure compliance with city and state codes. Planning has a much more prominent role in growth issues, it enables us to be prepared to deal with matters as they come up and more importantly we have a clear picture of how development affects the entire community. An increased emphasis on planning will help our community grow in a sustainable, quality manner consistent with our history and our vision for the future. It is so important that we not waiver in this area, we must continue to work to ensure growth is well planned and managed. By doing so it has resulted in a higher quality of development and enables us to ensure our ability to provide quality public services for the long term. I said a year ago that development and developers will not dictate policy to Tooele City and they have not.

Your safety and quality of life were both issues that I stressed during my campaign two years ago. I can say without hesitation that I have kept my promise. Our police department can stand with the elite departments in the state. Their dedication is so gratifying to me. There have been instances recently that show how really good they are—if you commit a crime in Tooele you are going to be caught. The feeling of being safe in your community is so very important, our law enforcement men and women provide that feeling to each of us by the standard they set for themselves and each of us. Our fire

department is also unmatched by any volunteer department in the state. They provide a level of experience and professionalism for us all to take great pride in. I thank them for their leadership and expertise in performing their very important duty to each of us.

As we move into the coming year, it's important to list our accomplishments. The wastewater treatment plant upgrade is underway with a completion set for this fall. Our landmark agreement with Kennecott regarding water also is underway, with easements and test wells to be completed this year. Well #9 project is complete, adding a helpful additional water source. The donation of 48 acres of hillside open space and the recent acquisition of 12 acres on Skyline Drive area of our city will allow us the opportunity keep the beauty of our mountains free from intrusive development, so that we and our children and grandchildren will be able to enjoy their beauty. We will continue to work diligently to protect our hillsides. They are an important natural asset to our community. I want to acknowledge the efforts of my staff, in particular, Mr. Roger Baker our City Attorney, Mr. Paul Hansen and Mr. Cary Campbell for their leadership in this very important endeavor. We can never lose sight of our stewardship to protect our natural resources and their wondrous beauty. Also I said we would be doing Phase 1 of the very important 1000 North road project this summer and we will, design work is underway as we speak, with construction to begin this summer.

Financially we are strong, we pay our bills, we save funds, and we invest them wisely for the betterment of our great city. Your city is in better financial condition today than ever before. I thank Mr. Glenn Caldwell for his expertise and his experience as the city's finance director. There are many projects that need to be done; but we must very carefully manage our resources, we must balance the need to provide facilities, recreation or otherwise, with the need to have sufficient funds to take care of the wonderful facilities we currently have. We are very fortunate to have the first class recreation facilities we have - our award winning year round swimming pool and our first class golf course. Do we need others? We do. I am very concerned that unless we have a funding mechanism that we can afford, those facilities must wait until we can properly fund them. I pledge to carefully protect your tax dollars, to spend them wisely. Never forgetting they come from the citizens of this special city.

Unfortunately there have been disappointments this past year. As you know, when I was elected there were two lawsuits already under-

way. Tooele Associates and the suit brought by the Mayor and City Council of Grantsville. I worked very hard to bring them to a conclusion this year. I contacted Mayor Anderson of Grantsville at the beginning of my term to see if I could stop the inexcusable waste of taxpayer's money that Grantsville has caused by their lawsuit against us. He did not feel, as I did, that it should be stopped so it has continued. Two hearings were held in November and December of 2007 before a District Court Judge. The judge allowed 6 hours of oral arguments from both attorneys. His ruling was to dismiss Grantsville's case in its entirety. As of October of 2007, Grantsville has spent over \$820,000 of their taxpayer's money to sue us in a case that according to an unbiased 3rd District Court Judge has no merit. And yet it appears the Mayor and Council have decided to carry on with an appeal to the Utah Supreme Court, spending thousands and thousands more of the good people of Tooele and Grantsville's money. Regarding Tooele Associates, I will continue to work towards a resolution of that suit.

As we start this new year, I do so with a great deal of optimism. Very important projects will be completed this year as we strive to keep our great city moving forward. I am excited to watch the wonderful work and the great results of our Arts Council; they are responsible for programs and events that our city has been lacking. I applaud them for their dedication. We are currently working on finalizing a city-wide recycling program, as well as a renewed effort to upgrade our parks. It's also important to become as energy efficient as possible; we'll be exploring ways to accomplish this very important work. We will continue to find ways to do these things cost effectively, spending your tax dollars when and where they will be most beneficial. I take my stewardship very seriously when it involves our financial well being.

Finally I want to thank each citizen for your support. Thank you for your input and suggestions. The city employees and department heads of this wonderful city also deserve a big thank you. They are working at a much higher level than before. They are dedicated wonderful people. I acknowledge our City Councilmen, they are great partners in our work at the city, and I thank them for their public service. Tooele truly is a wonderful place to live, work and play. I will continue to work hard to do what it takes to make Tooele City a little better each day. My goal is to ensure you are as proud that you live in this very special city as I do.

MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 4 Action 4 Autism Mtg 7 pm at 1st Assembly of God Church

Mar 5 City Council Mtg 7 pm

Mar 6 Free personal financial seminar at city library 6 pm

Mar 6 Tooele County Summit 6-9:30 pm at Tooele High School

Mar 10 Utah Saves Family Carnival 6:30-8 pm at 151 N. Main

Mar 11 Downtown Alliance Mtg. 7 pm at Pioneer Museum

Mar 11 Head Start registration 10:30 am -12:30 pm & 1:30-4

pm at the Tooele City Library

Mar 12 High School Musical 2 shown at the library at 3 pm

Mar 12 Planning Commission Mtg 7 pm

Mar 12 Lions-Quest Open House 7 pm Tooele High School lunchroom

Mar 13 Winnie the Pooh and the Blustery Day shown at the library at 11:30 am

Mar 15 Deadline for Daughters of the Utah Pioneers Essay Contest

Mar 15 TooeleMommies.com open

house at Pratt Aquatic Center 1-3 pm

Mar 18 Cat in the Hat shown at the library at 4 pm

Mar 19 City Council Mtg 7 pm

Mar 25 Head Start registration 10:30 am -12:30 pm & 1:30-4 pm at the Tooele City Library

Mar 26 Planning Commission Mtg 7 pm

Mar 27 & 28 AARP Safe Driving Class at Mountain West Medical Center 12:30-4:30 pm

ESSAY CONTEST!

The Tooele County Chapter of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers is proud to be the sponsor of an **Essay Contest** for all 4th grade students who attend one of the Tooele City Elementary Schools. The criteria for the contest is as follows:

- ◆ The subject of the essay should be about an ancestor of the student; or may be about a Tooele County historical person, place or event.
- ◆ The purpose of this contest is to encourage students to become

interested in their own pioneer heritage and the history of Tooele County.

- ◆ This contest is **only** open to 4th grade students.
- ◆ The essay is to be submitted to the school's respective DUP Camp contest chairperson no later than **March 15, 2008**.
- ◆ Please have the essay numbered, do not use the student's name.
- ◆ The DUP camps will select the

individual winners from their respective schools.

- ◆ The Tooele County DUP Company will then select an overall winner for the contest.
- ◆ Each individual school winner will be awarded a \$50.00 savings bond.
- ◆ The overall winner will be selected from the individual school winners. He/she will receive a \$100.00 savings bond.

JOIN US AT THE LIBRARY FOR THESE FUN ACTIVITIES!

Join us in March for St. Patrick's Day fun with find the game of "Hidden Treasure" and "St. Patrick's Quiz." For the "Hidden Treasure," see if you can locate all the gold coins. Fill out the number you found on the "Pot-o-Gold" sheet and get a prize! This game is for children ages 3-6, and will run from March 4 through March 27th. Test your knowledge with our "St. Patrick's Quiz." The answers are in plain sight at the library. Bring your quiz sheet to the front desk and receive your prize. This game is for ages 7-12.

The movie, High School Musical 2 will be shown on March 12th at 3 pm in the community room. Winnie the Pooh and the Blustery Day will be shown on March 13th at 11:30 a.m. Cat in the Hat will be shown at 4 pm on March 18. Be sure to see the movie, then read the book. Sign-up and get your free ticket today. Tickets will be available for each movie at the check out desk of the library.

Adults, attend our free personal financial seminar of "Track your Itemized Deductions," presented by H&R Block. This seminar will be held March 6 at 6 pm in the community room. Sign-up and get your free ticket today. Tickets will be available at the check out desk of the library. If you don't have a ticket, show up any way!

A special story time on Friday, March 21 at 1 pm will feature Biscuit. Listen to some very funny stories about Biscuit, read by Angie Wager from the Barnes and Noble in Jordan Landing. See our special guest—"Biscuit"! Coloring sheets with Biscuit will be given out. Don't miss it!!

Remember children's story time every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. and children's crafts each Friday from 3-5 p.m. Check with the library for any special story times or other special events. For more information on these and other library programs, visit <http://tooelecity.org/tcl/library.html> or call 435-882-2182 or visit at 128 West Vine Street, Tooele, Utah.

Utah Saves Family Carnival

Monday, March 10th

6:30—8 p.m.

151 N. Main

Are you looking for a great family activity?

Come enjoy FREE refreshments!

Play fun money-themed carnival games!

Each family will receive a gift!



Space is limited! RSVP by Friday, March 7th to Terra at 843-2142 or email terras@tooelecity.org

This event is sponsored by Utah State University Extension, Tooele City and Tooele Federal Credit Union. Primary funding provided by Utah Saves grant.



Does your child attend one of the elementary schools in Tooele City? (Copper Canyon, East, Harris, Middle Canyon, Northlake, Overlake or West) If so, bring your child to an open house celebration for Lions-Quest, Skills for Adolescence.



Learn about your child’s classroom curriculum, see your child’s artwork and meet fellow community members with children involved in the same program. Visit with Officer Becky Bracken, Chief Ron Kirby & Mayor Patrick Dunlavy! Enjoy refreshments and an upbeat atmosphere, open house style! This is an opportunity you can’t pass up!

Date: Wednesday, March 12th, 2008 Time: 7:00pm

Place: Tooele High School lunch room

See you there!

SAVE \$\$ BY TAKING THE AARP CLASS

It's time for another AARP class! Everyone over the age of 50 should take advantage of the AARP Driver Safety Program. This program is a 2 day class for 4 hours a day. After completing the class, you could qualify for a decrease in your auto insurance. The next class is March 27 and 28

from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Mountain West Medical Center. The cost is \$10.00.

To register, or for more information, call Floyd Bracken at 882-6364, or James R. Nichols at 833-0931.

BEWARE! From the Tooele City Police Department

By Paul Wimmer, Police Lieutenant

The Tooele City Police Department would like to alert citizens of a recent crime trend. Since November of 2007 the police department has taken numerous reports of catalytic converter thefts. The catalytic converter looks like a muffler and is a part of the exhaust system; its function is to clean up the vehicle emissions. The thieves want the platinum used as a coating inside the device. The most vulnerable vehicles are trucks and SUVs because they sit a little higher and are easier to get under with a saw to cut off the device. Toyotas seem to be the absolute favorite as they have room around the catalytic converter which makes cutting the device out that much easier. The thief only has to make two cuts and the devices can be removed. This is a difficult crime trend to thwart because you can't secure the device unless your vehicle is in a garage. Our only defense is to watch out for each other. If you observe someone working under a car at a suspicious location or at a suspicious time, call police. Get as good of a description as possible of the person and the vehicle they are under. Catalytic converters are not so light you would want to carry them a long way so in all likelihood the suspect has a vehicle in the area or lives nearby. If so, get a description of their vehicle and a direction of travel. A license plate would be extremely valuable in capturing the thief.

You're invited to an Open House! All moms welcome!

TooeleMommies.com is a FREE support group for moms in the Tooele Valley with over 100 members and counting!

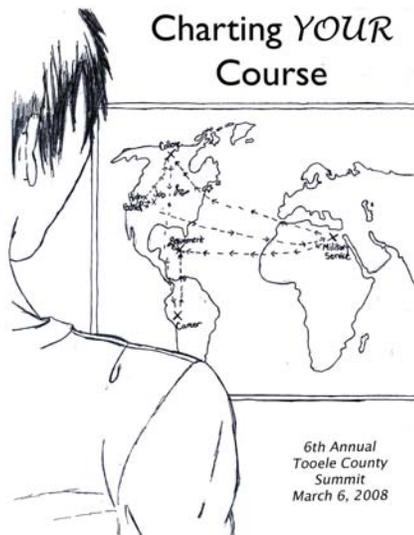
Pratt Aquatic Center Balcony March 15 1-3 pm

Meet local moms * door prizes (every 10 minutes) * free refreshments * goodie bags * come find out what TooeleMommies.com is all about!

Want to meet local moms today? Register now at www.TooeleMommies.com

Head Start Registration:
March 11 & March 25
from 10:30 a.m. to
12:30 p.m. and 1:30–
4:00 pm at the Tooele
City Library (128 W. Vine
St.). For more informa-
tion call 435-882-6743.

Need help with your taxes? Free tax return preparation and electronic filing available at 66 West Vine Street (SLCC). To make an appointment please call 843-4350.



Tooele County Summit

Date: Thursday, March 6, 2008
Time: 6:00-9:30 p.m.
Registration: To begin at 5:15 p.m.
Place: Tooele High School (301 West Vine Street)

Grade incentives offered — check with your schools to see what they are offering for attending!

For parents & youth ages 12-18

Over 20 Great Breakout Sessions to Choose From, Including:

- Cash for College
- Dealing with Feelings
- Standing Strong
- And many more fun and exciting topics!